



USDA Less than 30 Months (LT30) Age-Verification Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program for Korea

1 Purpose

This document provides the specified product requirements for marketing U.S. beef and beef products under the USDA Less than 30 Months (LT30) Age Verification Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program for Korea (QSA Program for Korea). This Program facilitates the international trade of U.S. beef and beef products to customers in Korea who request products be derived from animals less than 30 months of age at the time of slaughter.

2 Scope

These requirements apply to U.S. suppliers (slaughterers, fabricators, and processors) of beef and beef products offered for sale to customers who request products from animals less than 30 months of age at the time of slaughter. The specified product requirements of the QSA Program for Korea must be supported by a documented quality management system, the requirements of which are defined in *ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*.

Only suppliers with an approved QSA Program for Korea may label and sell product as meeting the specified product requirements of the Program.

3 Reference Documents

ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures

ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/arcaudits>

4 Specified Product Requirements

4.1 Beef and beef products must meet the following requirements:

4.1.1 Must be derived exclusively from animals less than 30 months of age as identified at the time of slaughter.

4.1.2 Must be identified and controlled up until the time of shipment to customer.

4.2 Identification of conforming product during shipment and delivery must be documented on the shipping documentation (bills of lading, shipping manifests, or letters of guarantee). The shipping documentation must:

4.2.1 Clearly identify the product and product quantity; and

4.2.2 Contain the following applicable statement: "Product meets the QSA Program for Korea requirements".

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4.3 At the time of export to Korea, the FSIS 9060-5 Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness must include the following statement in the Remarks section:

4.3.1 The beef or beef products were produced at a verified establishment under the USDA Less than 30 Month Age-Verification Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program for Korea.

5 Listing of Approved Programs

U.S. suppliers who generate products that meet the specified product requirements for the QSA Program for Korea are listed on the *Official Listing of Approved Suppliers for the USDA QSA Program for Korea*.

6 Responsibilities

U.S. suppliers must meet all policies and procedures outlined in this Procedure, *ARC 1000 Procedure, Quality Systems Verification Program General Policies and Procedures*, and *ARC 1002 Procedure, Quality System Assessment (QSA) Program*.